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COUNTRY: LAOS

DOI: EARLY JANUARY 1968

SUBJECT: PROPAGANDA DISPLAY OF FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS IN

HOUA PHAN PROVINCE

ACQ: LAOS, VIENTIANE (17 MAY 1968)

SOURCE:

DBS- 31 May 68

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HEDLICKA

LEWIS, J. W.

SWANSON,

KRYZAK.

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1. DURING THE PATHET LAO MEQ NEW YEAR CELEBRATION OF 1966, WHICH FELL BETWEEN 28 DECEMBER 1966 AND 3 JANUARY 1967, FOUR AMERICAN PILOTS WERE DISPLAYED FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES IN BAN HANG LONG (VH 1262). DURING THE HALF HOUR THAT THE PILOTS WERE ON DISPLAY, A PATHET LAO PROPAGANDIST EXPLAINED TO THE VILLAGERS

SOURCE IDENTIFIED HEDLICKA, D.L. HE SAID ANOTHER RESEMBLED LEWIS, JAMES W. OTHER RESEMBLED

LT. JG. W.E. SWANSON AND CPT. THEODORE E. KRYZAK

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THAT THE PILOTS WOULD NOT BE KILLED, BUT WOULD BE HELD FOR PRISONER EXCHANGE AFTER THE START OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PILOTS APPEARED TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH AND VILLAGERS SAID THEY HAD RECEIVED GOOD TREATMENT; THEY WERE GETTING MILK AND OTHER FOODS TO WHICH THEY WERE ACCUSTOMED. THE PROPAGANDIST TOLD THE VILLAGERS THE PILOTS' NAMES, BUT [REDACTED] COULD NOT REMEMBER THEM.

2. FIELD DISSEM: STATE ARMY AIR USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF (ALSO SENT [REDACTED] SAIGON) REPORT CLASS SECRET [REDACTED]

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